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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Re: Microsoft Settlement Support

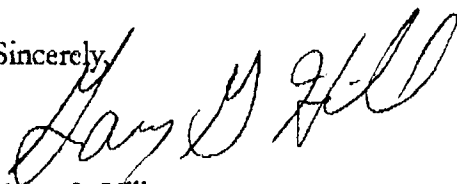
As an elected member of the Antelope Valley Health Care District representing 450,000 people, I am writing this letter as in support of the settlement in the case against Microsoft. I believe that this whole suit was a waste of time and money. Only in America do we focus on tearing down success, and destroying a product line the works. There are choices out there, but none of them work as well as the Microsoft products.

There are more pressing issues that are of concern to me in this country such as the energy crisis here in California. The state has lost \$22 billion dollars resulting in consumers getting gauged. In addition, the price of gas has risen 20 cents per gallon, just in the last week. The Department of Justice should have taken a strong NO to the rash of oil company mergers this past decade; we can live without a home computer, but must have gasoline (real public transit has not arrived yet)

Microsoft did not get off as easy, as its opponents would have people think. They agreed to terms beyond what was required in the suit. They also agreed to design future versions of Windows, starting with an interim release of XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer companies, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows.

Microsoft seemed to be generous when settling the case. Let's end litigation now so that Microsoft can go back to work. We, the American people, need a company like Microsoft to stay strong, so they can continue to create innovative products, well paying jobs, and help strengthen the tech sector of the economy.

Sincerely,



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